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## IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, line 32 to page 2, line 7, replace the paragraph with the following amended paragraph.

When the microphone with the inlet structure is mounted in the faceplate the microphone sound duct forms an air tight connection with a sound passage leading from the back side to the front side of the faceplate. With the invention it is ensured that the opening to the sound passage in the faceplate above the microphone can be provided close to the outline of the microphone. And further it is ensured that a pair of microphone according to the invention can be used to obtain the longest possible distance between the sound inlets in the faceplate and at the same time obtaining the smallest possible size of the hearing aid. The provision of the gasket area with a resilient rim provided along the gasket area at the outline of the microphone face also helps to give a sound path from the surface of the faceplate to the microphone which is as short as possible. This is important as it will aid to avoid resonance in the system.

Page 3, lines 4 to 27, replace the paragraphs with the following amended paragraphs.

The microphone 1 according to the invention shown in fig.Fig. 1 has an opening 3 in a first face 4 of the microphone 1, and above the opening 3 a sound duct 2 is positioned. The opening 3 is placed near the

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intersection of a long side and a short side of the face 4. As seen, the face 4 is quadratic in shape, but round or square faces could also be used according to the shape of the microphone. The sound duct 2 has a gasket area 7 which is supposed to provide a gasket means against the underside of the faceplate, when the microphone 1 is mounted in the faceplate 30. A resilient rim is provided along the gasket area. Further, the sound duct has a recess 5 above the opening 3 wherein an acoustic filter 6 is mounted. The filter may be provided in many different ways, but mounting in the recess is easy and simple. Further, the recess 5 has the function of guiding the sound to the opening 3.

As seen in fig.Fig. 1, the gasket area 7 is caused to follow follows the outline of the face 4 at least in the region around the opening 3. With relationrespect to figures Figs. 2, 3, 5 and 6, it is explained below what is achieved hereby.

Figures 2 and 3 shows the microphones 1 according to the invention mounted in two different ways in a face plate 30. In fig.Fig. 2 the microphones 1 are placed in end to end relationship alongside a battery drawer (not shown), and in fig.Fig. 3 the microphones 1 are mounted side by side with the battery drawer between the two microphones 1. In both possibilities it is wisheddesired, that the distance A between the acoustic centres of the two sound inlet openings in the face plate 30 should be as

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long as possible, such that the best possible directionality can be obtained. At the same time, it is wisheddesired that the distance B should be as little as possible, because this is the limiting factor for the overall size of the finished hearing aid. Thus, the measures C1 and C2 should be minimized.